have been considered by Government and if so, by when these planes are likely to be purchased; and

(b) what expenditure is involved and to what extent it is likely to reduce the passengers rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign exchange earnings from tourism

3996. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is regarded as major foreign exchange earner in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of foreign exchange earned during 1986-87 and 1987-88 under this head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 are estimated by the Ministry as Rs. 1780 crores and Rs. 1890 crores respectively.

Losses at Paradip Port

3997. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'Amrit Bazar Patrika' of 6th July, 1988, under the caption "Staggering losses of ParadipPort;

(b) if so what are the reasons for the losses; and

(c) what action Government have taken to meet the losses incurred in Paradip Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paradip Port Trust generated operating surpluses during the last three years. However, there was net deficit mainly on account of interest payable on Government Loans.

(c) Proposals to grant moratorium on payment of capital and ways and means loans and on payment of interest and to waive penal interest on defaulted debts are under consideration.

Ban on 30 combinations of drugs

3998. DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Technical Advisory Body and Dr. N. A. Patel Committee sought a ban on 30 combination drugs as reported in Business Standard of the 12th July, 1988 if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereof;

(b) whether the formal ban orders, as for E.P. drugs, are under issue; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that all the ban orders are implemented strictly and effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) It is not a fact that Drug Technical Advisory Board and Dr. M. A. Patel Committee sought a ban on 30 combination drugs. Dr. M. A. Patel is the Chairman of the sub-committee constituted by the Drugs Consultative Committee to examine formulations marketed in the country from the angle of efficacy, rationality and safety.

The recommendations of the sub-committee were placed at the meeting of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board held at New Delhi on 22nd April 1988. The Board had agreed to the recommendations of the

sub-committee for weeding out five combinations of drugs. The Drugs Technical Advisory Board has also recommended to amend two entries Nos. (14) and (15) of Notifications dated 23rd July, 1983 deleting the exemption given in respect of fixed dose combinations of steroids and chloramphenicol for interal use.

Government is taking steps to notify for prohibiting marketing of the drugs falling under these categories in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

(b) Government of India have already issued a Notification No. GSR 700(E) dated 15th May 1988 prohibiting manufacture and sale of 'Fixed dose combination of Gastrogen and Progestins' (Other than oral contraceptives) containing per tablet Estrogen content of more than 50 micrograms (Equivalent to Ethmyl Estradiol) and of progestin content of more than 3 mg. (equivalent to Norethisterone Acetate).

(c) After the issue of the Notification, the State Drugs Controllers, who are the licensing authorities will be asked to prohibit manufacture and sale of the banned combinations. The Indian Medical Association will be informed of the ban for circulating to its members.

Diversion of Staff salary to meet legal expenses in CRIY

3999. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director, CRIY, New Delhi has diverted the funds relating to the salary of the staff to meet legal expenses out of the grant sanctioned vide Ministry's letter dated 26th May, 1988;

(b) if so, whether such a diversion is permissible under the rules; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to take any action in the matter; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had sanctioned Rs. 3.00 lakhs to Central Research Institute for Yoga for meeting expenses on salaries and essential contingencies. The Director, Central Research Institute for Yoga met an expenditure of Rs. 39,990 for payment of outstanding dues towards legal expenses.

The expenditure has been incurred in connection with the affairs of the Central Research Institute for Yoga and cannot be construed as diversion of funds in strict sense.

(c) In view of the position as aforesaid, no action is proposed to be taken against the Director. The expenditure will be intimated to the Governing Body in due course for ratification.

Recruitment rule for the post of Director of CRIY New Delhi

4000. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding age, qualification etc. prescribed for the Director of CRIY and CCRYN, New Delhi; and

(b) whether the present incumbent fulfils the requisite qualifications laid down for the post.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Rules and Regulations of the Central Research Institute for Yoga provide that the Managing Trustee of Vishwayatan Yogashram Trust shall be the Director of the Institute. The Governing Body of the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy had appointed Directors of Central Research Institute for Yoga as ex-officio Director of Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.